



December 13, 2013

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0533

Dear Congressman Waxman:

This is in response to your December 11 letter to Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe regarding the Santa Monica Post Office.

Thank you for sharing your comments about the amount of customer parking available at the new location of the Santa Monica Main Post Office on 7th Street. Please know that the U.S. Postal Service is in the process of augmenting the current level of parking for our customers' use at the new site. We expect the construction to be completed in approximately two weeks, at which time 19 onsite customer parking spaces will be available. Currently, there is some onsite parking for customers to drop off mailings at the business mail entry unit, and there are 44 on-street parking spaces directly in front of the building.

Once the onsite new parking spaces are completed, and in conjunction with the on-street parking, there will be more than 60 parking spaces for postal customers to use. This amount of parking is significantly greater than that of the former Main Post Office location on 5th Street, where there was some onsite parking (approximately 10 spaces that were shared between employees and customers) as well as on-street parking that was shared with other businesses in the vicinity.

The on-street parking at the 7th Street location, which your letter noted has been the source of safety concerns by some of your constituents, is administered by the City of Santa Monica. The city placed meters at these parking spaces and controls the parking there, including the configuration of the spaces. Nevertheless, the Postal Service—which has been in contact with the city about the relocation of the Main Post Office to 7th Street since it was first proposed in April of 2012—will continue to work with city officials for an appropriate solution.

We are looking forward to the opening of the new onsite parking area, as it will enhance convenience for our customers. Along with the new Main Office and our Will Rogers and Ocean Park Stations (both are within one mile of the Main Post Office), supplemented by a host of stamps on consignment locations, the Postal Service is committed to providing the Santa Monica community with accessible and effective services.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance in other postal matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James K. Cari".

James K. Cari
Government Relations Representative